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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2472

**Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Nation)**

February 21, 2002

An act to add Article 8 (commencing with Section 14717) to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to pesticides.

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AB 2472, as amended, Simitian. Pesticides.

Existing law generally regulates the use of pesticides. Existing law, the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, provides that it is the policy of the state that effective least toxic pest management practices should be the preferred method of managing pests at schoolsites. Existing law requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management programs, as defined, for all school districts that choose to do so.

This bill would state various findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to pesticide use in state buildings and lands and would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to protect public and environmental health through the use of Integrated Pest

Management techniques. This bill would define Integrated Pest Management and would require, upon receipt of appropriate grant funds, that the Department of General Services implement a demonstration project to study the use of Integrated Pest Management techniques at the State Capitol Park and its associated grounds, as specified. This bill would also require the Department of General Services to present a report to the Legislature on this demonstration project within 6 months of its implementation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that it is the
2 policy of the state to protect public health and safety in a manner
3 that compliments sustainability as an extension of resource
4 conservation.

5 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the
6 ~~elimination or reduction~~ *safe handling, reduction, or elimination*
7 of pesticide use in state buildings and on state lands is an important
8 step in providing all state employees and members of the public
9 with a safe, healthy environment.

10 SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
11 to protect public and environmental health through Integrated Pest
12 Management (IPM) techniques, where feasible, before
13 considering the use of pesticides on state property.

14 SEC. 4. Article 8 (commencing with Section 14717) is added
15 to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
16 Code, to read:

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18 Article 18. Integrated Pest Management

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20 14717. (a) The Department of General Services shall apply
21 for grants and other funding as may be available from state,
22 federal, or other sources and upon receipt of appropriate funds,
23 shall implement a demonstration project to study the use of
24 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques at the State Capitol
25 Park and its associated grounds that include the area located in the
26 blocks bounded by 9th and 15th, L and N Streets, in the City of
27 Sacramento, State of California. The Department of General



1 Services shall apply for funds from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2005,
2 until appropriate funds are obtained.

3 (b) Successful practices learned directly from this
4 demonstration project shall be deemed a sustainable measure,
5 fitness and quality to traditional pest management methods being
6 equal, and shall be made available to those state agencies interested
7 in Integrated Pest Management. Successful practices learned from
8 this demonstration program should also be made available to local
9 jurisdictions at their request and expense, if appropriate.

10 (c) The Department of General Services shall present a report
11 on this demonstration project to the Legislature within six months
12 of its implementation.

13 (d) For the purposes of this section “Integrated Pest
14 Management (IPM)” means a pest management strategy that
15 focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems
16 through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest
17 presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using
18 nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest
19 development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical
20 and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard
21 and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people,
22 property, and the environment, are used only after careful
23 monitoring indicates they are needed according to preestablished
24 guidelines and treatment thresholds.

